In claim 15, line, I, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 16, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 15" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 22/line 1, please delete "any one of the preceding claims" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 23, line 1, please delete "any one of the preceding claims" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 25, line 1, please delete "any one of the preceding claims" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 26, line 1, please delete "any one of the claims 1 to 24" and replace therefor --claim 1--.

## **REMARKS**

No new matter is contained in the amendment.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney if doing so will facilitate prosecution of the application. No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-5029.

Respectfully submitted,

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